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Russia: Whether there is any law or restriction on mailing or sending a citizen's internal passport abroad; whether an internal passport can be mailed from Russia to Canada or sent by courier
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board, Ottawa

The second secretary at the consular division of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Ottawa provided the following information to the Research Directorate in 30 August 2004 correspondence:

According to the Law of Departure from and Entry into the Russian Federation (1996), the primary document for Russians who live abroad is the international passport. In practice internal passports are not mailed or sent outside of Russia. During a 30 August 2004 telephone interview, the second secretary stated that the Russian border agency has its own rules and generally forbids sending or mailing internal passports across the Russian border.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References

Embassy of the Russian Federation in Ottawa. Consular Division. 30 August 2004. Written correspondence from the second secretary.

_____. 30 August 2004. Telephone interview with the second secretary.

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